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## Nova Scotia eyes record medal haul

**SPORT** Let's go Nova Scotia.

The Canada Summer Games open Saturday in Prince Edward Island with Nova Scotia chasing its best finish yet.

The province is coming off a pair of terrific showings, winning a record 47 medals in 2001 in London, Ont., and falling just one short of that mark with 46 in 2005 in Regina.

The opening ceremonies are Saturday in Charlottetown, while action in 12 sports — including men's and women's basketball and women's soccer — begins Sunday.

"I think it's possible we break that record," said Halifax's David Sharpe, Nova Scotia's flag-bearer for the closing ceremonies. "We're definitely going to go for it."

The Games conclude Aug. 29. **METRO HALIFAX**

World Championships **Men advance**



The Canadian C-4 Men's 1,000-metres team, (from left) Benjamin Russell, Thomas Hall, Angus Mortimer and Richard Dalton, compete in Thursday's heats at the world canoe-kayak sprint championships on Lake Banook. The squad advanced to Friday morning's semi-final. **More coverage, page 13.**

## Ex-NDP hopeful protests exclusion

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Metro Canada

A former federal NDP candidate from B.C. plans to sit across the street from the party's convention in Halifax Friday morning with a sign that reads: "I was banned from the convention. Ask me why."

Dana Larsen, a marijuana advocate who ran as an NDP candidate during 2008 federal election, claims he was escorted from Halifax's World Trade and Convention Centre Thursday on allegations he tried to buy delegate votes.

NDP national director Brad Lavigne confirmed Larsen was deregistered as a convention delegate earlier in the week.

"On a series of websites, he's been providing financial inducements for individuals to vote a certain way," said Lavigne. He added "bribes for votes" conflicts with the culture of democracy within the party and could put the NDP at risk under the Income Tax and Elections acts.

Larsen, who resigned as the NDP candidate for West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast in 2008 after a YouTube video surfaced of him driving while on acid and pot, said he never intended to get anyone to change their vote.

He contends he posted an offer online to help NDP delegates who were already supportive of drug policy reform with their travel and lodging expenses.

Larsen said he paid \$2,000 on his credit card to cover some expenses.

# NDP looking East

## Premier's advice: Focus on 'bread and butter' issues

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As about 1,000 NDP delegates converge on Halifax this weekend for the party's federal convention they can probably count on a warm reception.

The challenge is how to extend that support to the rest of the country.

It's good timing the federal NDP convention is being held in Halifax, given that Nova Scotians just took by far their hardest swing towards the party in the history of the province with

June's election results.

But as Premier Darrell Dexter settles into his majority government, the national wing continues to languish in fourth place behind the usual Liberal/Conservative mainstream and a single-province separatist party in the Bloc Québécois.

Even with the weakened Liberals in the last election the NDP was only able to scratch out a less than one

per cent increase in the popular vote.

So many eyes will be on Dexter this weekend to try to find a way to replicate his provincial success. The premier offered some advice Thursday.

"I would like the federal party to focus on what are really bread and butter issues to the people of the country," Dexter told reporters Thursday. "They are associated with income security, they are associated with where our economy is going over the next number of years."

"Those kinds of issues are ones I think are going to be

on the top of mind for people when the next election is called and therefore should be top of mind for the party."

Dexter said he speaks often with federal NDP Leader Jack Layton, and praised him for working to modernize the party.

But as for the well-publicized proposal at the convention to drop the "New" from the New Democratic Party, Dexter isn't a fan.

"We've spent a lot of years here trying to get people to vote for the New Democratic Party, which they did, so I'm perfectly satisfied with that," he said.



**Darrell Dexter**

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## Snoop Dogg tickets going on sale

One of the world's most famous rappers, Snoop Dogg, is making his return to Halifax for a show Sept. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Halifax Metro Centre. Snoop Dogg, a.k.a. Calvin Broadus, is touring North America in support of his 2008 release *Ego Trippin'* with his band Snoopadelics. Tickets for the show cost \$44.50 and \$54.50, taxes included, and go on sale Friday at 9 a.m. at all Ticket Atlantic box office locations, online at [sonicconcerts.com](http://sonicconcerts.com) or by phone at 451-1221. **METRO HALIFAX**



## 2 charged after police seize drugs

**CRIME** Two men aged 50 and 38 are facing drug-related charges after Halifax RCMP seized drugs and a large amount of money during a traffic stop Wednesday afternoon on Caldwell Road in Eastern Passage.

Police say at 3:30 p.m. they stopped a Sierra Pick-up truck in the 1800 block area of Caldwell Road and arrested the men. They found a large amount of money in the car, police say, along with 70 grams of marijuana and 55 grams of cocaine.

The men were held in police custody overnight and were to appear in Dartmouth provincial court Thursday on charges of possession of cocaine for the purpose of trafficking and possession of marijuana for the purpose of trafficking. **METRO HALIFAX**

## Senior injured after bike hits deer

**ACCIDENT** An elderly man was taken to hospital in serious but stable condition after the motorcycle he was driving hit a deer on Highway 224 in Marinetere.

Halifax RCMP say at 9:50 a.m., the 80-year-old man was travelling on the road when a deer ran in front of him, causing him to hit the animal and flip over his handle bars. The man was taken to the QE2 Health Sciences Centre in Halifax. **METRO HALIFAX**

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### WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

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## Buskers festival Aussies the people's choice



Satya, left, and Grace from the Australian fire performance troupe FlameOz show off their balancing skills at Sackville Landing on the Halifax waterfront Thursday afternoon. FlameOz was presented with Metro's People's Choice Award for the Halifax International Buskers Festival 2009 prior to their performance.

# NDP tightening up on political expenses

## Government seeks transparency in spending

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**The NDP government strongly toughened its position on political expenses Thursday, saying it is investigating and plans to make changes.**

Reducing expense rates, requiring more receipts and improving transparency were all issues the party promised to look into Thursday. The auditor general is currently auditing MLA expenses, but the NDP said it won't wait until he's done to make improvements.

"We're looking at the whole package," Deputy Premier Frank Corbett said. "We're not going to wait just to sit back and see what the AG does. We're looking at them and (will) hopefully internally come up with some changes."

The stance was significantly more forceful than two weeks ago, when Speaker of the House Charlie Parker said un-receipted

### More on expenses

- MLAs get \$1,050 every month for expenses without needing to show a receipt, despite also getting \$4,198 that does require receipts.
- When MLAs leave office, they get \$45,000 to close up shop that doesn't require a receipt, despite also getting over \$12,000 that does require receipts.
- Expenses went up automatically by three per cent in January, but the public record couldn't be updated until the end of July.
- Other expenses include \$84 un-receipted for MLAs every day the legislature sits and a \$1,470-per-month housing allowance for members outside of HRM.

expenses often went to help charities and individuals in need. Parker also said the party would likely wait until after the auditor general's report to make changes.

But Thursday, Corbett said the NDP has long been unhappy with the expenses system. "Whenever there's no receipt, there's a chance for misuse," he said.

Parker also said there are concerns about any group — in this case a group of MLAs called the Internal Economy Board — policing itself.

When asked why the IEB

meetings were secret, Parker replied, "I don't know. The fact of the matter is the door is inching open bit by bit. I know one of the things we're looking at is making it a more open and transparent process."

He added, "We're going to make changes there. And hopefully that may be one of them."

When changes may actually occur is still up in the air. Premier Darrell Dexter said Thursday the government is busy dealing with other issues such as the economy and the swine flu outbreak.

# Emergency team set up by province

**LEADERSHIP** The provincial government created a new and permanent emergency co-ordination team Thursday to fix flaws in the system.

Two weeks ago, Auditor General Jacques Lapointe released a report saying there was no clear chain of command in cases of an emergency hitting the province. He said without proper co-ordination the system could fall into confusion.

The NDP took steps to address the report Thursday by naming an executive leadership committee that includes Emergency Man-

agement Minister Ramona Jenness, with various emergency management staff and deputy ministers.

It can also be expanded as need be. In the case of an outbreak of influenza A (H1N1), also known as swine flu, it will include members of the health and health promotion departments as well as the chief medical officer.

The minister has always had authority to strike such a group, but legislation must be updated to make it permanent. The group will meet regularly but more often when there is an emergency. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Steele undecided on Keno, planning to release report

**LOTTO** Finance Minister Graham Steele said Thursday he hasn't made up his mind yet on whether to keep Keno in Nova Scotia, but he plans to release more information to the public soon.

While in opposition the NDP was critical of the video lottery game, which gambling awareness groups said would increase problem gambling.

Steele is considering dropping the game from Nova Scotia and recently asked for and received a

staff report on the issue. He said his department is now preparing a version to release to the public.

"I want to show people what the policy considerations are — what's going well with Keno, what's not going well," he said. Steele said the game has made some money but not nearly as much as expected.

Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil has made up his mind. On Thursday he called on the government to remove the game immediately. **METRO HALIFAX**

# 1 in 5 smoke in N.S.: Survey

**HEALTH** One in five Nova Scotians say they smoke either every day or occasionally, according to the 2008 Canadian Tobacco Use Monitoring Survey released Thursday through Health Canada.

The survey says 20 per cent of Nova Scotians over the age of 15 smoke, two points ahead of the national average and five behind British Columbia, which sports the lowest level in Canada at 15 per cent.

The figure for Nova Scotia is the same from the 2007 CTUMS survey, and nine per cent below one taken in 1999.

Still, Smoke-Free Nova Scotia is concerned with these latest results, saying the province's smoking results have "levelled off" and the government must increase efforts to reduce

**"We need to expand prevention programs to deter young people ... and cessation programs that help people currently smoking to stop."**

Sharon MacIntosh,  
Smoke-Free Nova Scotia

tobacco use — which it can do by spending more.

"We need to expand prevention programs to deter young people from starting to smoke, and cessation programs that help people currently smoking to stop," Smoke-Free Nova Scotia spokesperson Sharon MacIntosh said in a release. **METRO HALIFAX**



Review cites NSP as among most reliable

Nova Scotia Power is among the most reliable electrical generation units in Canada for its class, says a Canadian Electricity Association review. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Sheriff didn't pass on Dr.'s note: Testimony

Court unaware of Hyde's medical assessment

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**Sheriff Laurel Purcell said she didn't give a critical doctor's note to legal council regarding Howard Hyde because she thought that would violate the 45-year-old's privacy rights.**

Dr. Janet MacIntyre's note requested that police officers bring the mentally ill Hyde back to hospital after his court arraignment if the judge didn't order a psychiatric assessment.

MacIntyre testified Wednesday during the fatality inquiry into Hyde's death she thought her request on the Health Information Transfer form would provide a "safety net" for the schizophrenic man. Hyde died the next morning without seeing a psychiatrist.

In 2007, MacIntyre allowed Hyde, who had been off his medication, to leave the QEII Health Sciences Centre after police Tasered him. MacIntyre gave the HIT form to a police officer, who gave it to Purcell.

Purcell testified Thursday she didn't tell the court about the note at Hyde's arraignment hearing because she thought it was confidential. She also didn't want council to perceive she was trying to influence the court as to whether or not Hyde needed to see a psychiatrist.

"We must always appear to be impartial," she told the inquiry.

At the time, Purcell thought the purpose of the HIT form was to deal with unique circumstances, not to advise the Crown or de-

fence of unusual medical conditions. She told the court she doesn't have the authority to ensure Hyde either got a court-ordered

psychiatric assessment or was sent back to hospital to have the assessment.

The court didn't order a psychiatric assessment.

MacIntyre said Const. John Haislip of HRP gave her the impression police did have that authority. Haislip consulted Purcell, his supervisor, before allowing the doctor to believe Hyde would see a psychiatrist one way or another as a result of her note on the HIT form.

Purcell said she asked the officer to read the doctor's note several times over the phone and said she didn't fully understand what MacIntyre wrote.



Howard Hyde



Thirteen-year-old Matthew Ellis eagerly awaits the opening of H&M's new Mic Mac Mall location Thursday. Ellis arrived at 6:30 a.m. to make sure he was first in line.

## H&M opens its doors to HRM

Hundreds of style-starved shoppers rushed into the Halifax Regional Municipality's first H&M store at noon Thursday to celebrate the 14,000-square-foot clothing store's grand opening inside Mic Mac Mall.

The raucous crowd, revved up by psych staff and pumping music, streamed cheering into H&M's first Canadian location east of Moncton after the red ribbon was cut.

First in was 13-year-old Matthew Ellis and his mom, Audrey. The two arrived at 6:30 a.m. to secure the front-row spots and had company within 30 minutes.

The Dartmouth youth

### Men, women, kids

• The crowd Thursday was mostly teens and 20-somethings, but the store sells clothes for men, women (including maternity wear) and children.

had shopped at the Toronto outlet and was happy to see one closer to home.

"Nova Scotia doesn't get too many big brands, so I'm thankful we finally get one," he said after five-and-a-half hours of waiting.

"For us, it's so exciting to come to a new market and be able to bring the H&M brand to new customers,"

said spokeswoman Emily Scarlett of the store's high fashion for low price approach. H&M will employ about 50 people in the Dartmouth location.

Nadine LaRoche, Fashion Magazine's Halifax blogger, admitted to mixed feelings about H&M's arrival. Her love affair with the store's styles used to be a private fling full of wild weekends away to Toronto and Montreal, she lamented on her blog. Back on the streets of Halifax, no one knew her secret.

"But now, with H&M a mere 15-minute drive from downtown, the jig is up," she wrote.

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A 55-year-old male suffered an injured foot after the motorcycle he was driving was struck by a Volkswagen Jetta merging into the Armdale roundabout from Joseph Howe Drive. Halifax Regional Police say the accident took place around 5:30 p.m. Wednesday with the Jetta driver issued a ticket for failing to yield. **METRO HALIFAX**

# Day of the living dead

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**Alex Isenor isn't dead yet, but he plans to be come Saturday.**

That is when he and hundreds of others can rise from the grave and march through the city for Halifax Zombie Walk 2009.

The event is exactly what it sounds like — people dress up in torn shirts, fake blood and other zombie attire and shuffle and groan their way through the city.

"It's a lot of fun," said Isenor, who organized the walk with friends Meaghan MacCormack and Amanda Waldick.

"The most important thing I think is to stay in character. So basically a slow, shambling march. People dress mostly in gore, the clothes don't really matter."

This is the fourth Halifax Zombie Walk and could be far and away the biggest. While last year a hastily organized walk led to only a



John Warren, left, Scott Warren and Alex Isenor stagger down Chebucto Road Wednesday as they get ready for Saturday's Halifax Zombie Walk. The organizers are expecting hundreds of undead to take part in Saturday's walk.

few dozen people attending, this year over 1,200 people have already indicated they'll take part on Facebook.

Isenor said he's heard of children and even babies coming along.

But there have been obstacles.

Many people have tried

to push for the event to be some form of protest or charity, but organizers wanted to keep it free and inclusive.

And, of course, there are those concerns about what if an actual real zombie shows up.

"That is my main fear, actually," Isenor said.

"What if the actual zombie apocalypse occurs on Saturday during our zombie walk? No one will see it coming and we'll all be doomed."

Participants at Saturday's Halifax Zombie Walk 2009 will meet at 1 p.m. at the Camp Hill cemetery on Robie.

## Local parishes to be part of settlement

**CHURCH** Catholic parishes within the diocese of Antigonish are being told they should contribute to a historic settlement agreement for survivors of sexual abuse.

As part of a series of meetings that were held in Sydney, Port Hawkesbury and Antigonish, parish council and parish finance committee members discussed how they will pay a settlement of upwards of \$15 million, despite already enduring hardships based on dwindling church attendance.

According to the diocese, no churches are expected to close.

However it is unknown if other assets of a church, such as land or other properties, will be put up for sale.

Bill Jamael, president of St. Anthony Daniel parish council, said parishes were told they must contribute to the settlement, but said contributions will be based on what a parish can afford.

"This will come from monies that the parish has

in its own possession; from its own people, fundraising and whatnot," Jamael said.

"It's going to be difficult for the different parishes to find the assets, but nevertheless the assets are there — it will be drawn from the different parishes as they're able to pay."

The Roman Catholic

Church announced its settlement decision Aug. 7, a little more than a year after a class action suit was filed by Sydney resident Ronald Martin at the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia seeking compensation for himself and anyone else who had been sexually abused by

priests in the diocese.

If the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement are validated by the Supreme Court during a hearing in Halifax, Sept. 10 and 11, anyone claiming to be a victim of a priest in the diocese from Jan. 1, 1950 to the present may be able to reach a confidential agreement with the diocese.

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## Injured Truro firefighter on the mend

**FIRE** A Truro firefighter injured during a blaze at a senior's home on Wednesday has been treated and released from hospital.

Truro fire Chief Tom Bremner said the firefighter, a three-year veteran of the department, was kept in hospital overnight for

observation and released this morning.

"He is home resting and doing better," said Bremner.

The man was responding to a fire call with the department's interior attack team in an electrical room at Townsview Estates early

Wednesday afternoon when the building's main electrical panel exploded.

"It had an explosion hole where the breaker let go," said Bremner.

The chief said when an electrical panel burns it produces excessive heat, and a toxic heavy black

smoke.

Officials with Townsview Estates were onsite Thursday morning evaluating damage and cleaning up.

A backup generator that kicked into service when the main power went down was also extensively damaged. **TRURO DAILY NEWS**



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## Cops make pair of drug-related busts

**CRIME** Members of the Cape Breton Regional Police Service Drug Unit made two drug-related arrests in its east division Wednesday.

Around 5:30 p.m., members of the drug unit arrested a male, in his 30s, in the Commercial Street area of Glace Bay, charged him with possession for the purpose to traffic in Dilaudid, and seized a quantity of the drug.

### Dilaudid

• Dilaudid is a narcotic pain relievers, also called an opioid. It is similar to morphine.

A short time later, around 7 p.m., police executed a Controlled Drugs and Substances Act search warrant on a Glace Bay address and a male in his 50s was arrested and police seized a significant quantity of oxycodone, Percocet, codeine and marijuana.

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**United Church rejects boycott of Israel**

The United Church of Canada voted down resolutions from its members that would have seen a national boycott of Israel. The move was applauded by the Canadian Jewish Congress. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Tainted drugs on B.C. streets

Dozens of drug users in B.C. have been hospitalized since December because of tainted cocaine being sold on the streets, health officials say, CBC News Online is reporting. Tests show the cocaine is being cut with Levamisole, a drug used to de-worm livestock. The drug has also served to treat colon cancer, but is no longer used on humans because of side-effects. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Harper blasts protectionism

PM says 'Buy American' policy sets a bad example

**Canada and the United States must make progress in dealing with the "Buy American" component of the \$787-billion U.S. economic stimulus package, because letting it stand would send the message that protectionism is acceptable, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.**

Harper, pressured by Canadian companies that say the measure is unfair and shuts them out of lucrative U.S. markets, raised the matter with U.S. President Barack Obama at a meeting in

**"At a time when we're trying to fight protectionism globally, I think it essential that we move forward on this and send a positive message to the world."**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

Mexico this week.

Obama was less exercised about the matter and said the policy had not endangered the huge overall Canada-U.S. trade relationship.

"It's very important that Canada and the United States ... at a time when we're trying to fight pro-

tectionism globally, I think it essential that we move forward on this and send a positive message to the world," Harper told a televised news conference in Kitchener, Ont.

"Because we are seeing the expansion of these domestic preferences around the world ... these things,

if they multiply around the world, could become extremely problematic in terms of recovery," he said.

Harper repeated he was sure Canada would emerge from the recession in a strong position.

"Unlike many countries in the world at a time of global recession, we have tax rates that are falling.

"We will come out of this recession with a very low debt-to-GDP ratio, which will allow our taxes to stay low when others will be pushing theirs up," he said.

REUTERS

## Police warn of online ads after alleged sexual assault

AMY GREGSON  
for Metro Canada



**CALGARY** A young woman was allegedly sexually assaulted and given a date rape drug after responding to an online personal ad, according to RCMP.

Sgt. Patrick Webb is alerting the public due to the strong possibility more people may have responded to an ad, titled "Exchange House With

Good Time," or similar ads.

"We want people to be aware that there is no protection in contacting people in personal ads over the Internet," said Webb.

He said the woman was treated for serious injuries.

Ramanjit Singh Dhaliwal, 32, has been charged with sexual assault causing bodily harm, administering a noxious substance and forcible confinement.

## Chalk River reactor out until early '10

**MEDICAL** Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. has hit more problems with an aging nuclear reactor that produces a third of the world's medical isotope supply and it now says it will not be up and running again until early 2010.

The announcement — made after markets closed Wednesday — prompted an angry reaction from the Canadian government, which critics say has hopelessly bungled the affair.

The Chalk River reactor

in eastern Ontario was taken out of service in May after it was discovered to be leaking a small amount of heavy water. AECL, which is government-owned, initially said the National Research Universal reactor would be back in service in three months, but has now pushed back that date twice.

AECL said closer inspection had identified nine different sites at the reactor that need to be fixed, more than had been thought initially.

The federal health and natural resources ministers said they were "very disappointed" with the announcement. **REUTERS**

### Isotopes

- The short-lived isotopes — used in medical tests and cancer treatments — are in increasingly short supply.



Sport fishermen troll for salmon at the mouth of the Capilano River in West Vancouver, B.C. Thursday. Millions of sockeye salmon have disappeared mysteriously from a river on Canada's Pacific Coast that was once known as the world's most fertile spawning ground for sockeye.

## Millions of sockeye salmon have disappeared off B.C. coast

**ENVIRONMENT** Millions of sockeye salmon have disappeared mysteriously from a river on Canada's Pacific Coast that was once known as the world's most fertile spawning ground for sockeye.

Up to 10.6 million bright-red sockeye salmon were expected to return to spawn this summer on the Fraser River, which empties into the Pacific ocean near Vancouver. The latest estimates say fewer than one million have returned.

The Canadian government has closed the river to commercial and recreational sockeye fishing for the third straight year, hitting the livelihood of nearby Native reserves.

"It's quite the shocking

**"It's quite the shocking drop. No one's exactly sure what happened to these fish."**  
Stan Proboszcz, fisheries biologist

drop," said Stan Proboszcz, fisheries biologist at the Watershed Watch Salmon Society. "No one's exactly sure what happened to these fish."

Salmon are born in fresh water before migrating to oceans to feed. They return as adults to the same rivers to spawn.

Several theories have been put forward to try to explain the sockeye's disappearance:

- Climate change may have reduced food supply for salmon in the ocean.
- The commercial fish

farms he young Fraser River salmon pass en route to the ocean may have infected them with sea lice, a marine parasite.

• The rising temperature of the river may have weakened the fish.

The Canadian government doesn't know what's killing the fish, but believes the sockeye are dying off in the ocean, not in fresh water, based on healthy out-migrations, said Jeff Grout, regional resource manager of salmon for the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

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# World



## Clinton backs Liberian president

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton gave firm support in Liberia to Africa's only woman president, a corruption fighter who has come under fire at home. Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf, left, is trying to rebuild Liberia after a 1989-2003 civil war in the West African country founded by freed former American slaves in the 19th century. "We think that Liberia is on the right track, as difficult as the path might be," Clinton said Thursday. REUTERS

## Strategist writing what he knows?

**Close to Zero is the tale of a Russian publisher operating in a murky political system featuring paid-off media, corrupt officials, dubious politicians and law enforcement agencies on the take.**

The short novel was published last month and passed unnoticed until Thursday, when a newspaper reported its author was none other than the Kremlin's chief political strategist Vladimir Surkov, writing under a pseudonym.

Surkov, a shadowy figure

who rarely speaks in public, wields immense influence.

His role as deputy head of the Kremlin administration for the past 10 years under both Vladimir Putin and Dmitry Medvedev puts him at the centre of political power.

The events portrayed are everyday fare in Russia, where local media sometimes take money in return for favourable coverage and those in power believe they can bribe or bully their way to victory in almost any situation.

A source at the Russky Pioneer magazine, which published the novella confirmed the story was Surkov's work.

"Yes, it was him," the source said on condition of anonymity. The Kremlin denied Surkov had authored the novel.

"He definitely didn't write it," said a spokesman. But reports pointed out the pseudonym used — Natan Dubovitsky — is almost identical to the name of Surkov's second wife, Natalya Dubovitskaya. REUTERS

## UN speaks out on torture in Iran

**IRAN** UN human rights experts said Thursday hundreds of Iranians accused of taking part in post-election protests have been tortured to obtain confessions according to detainees and people close to them.

Any evidence extracted by mistreatment should not be admitted at their trials, as it would violate international law, the United Nations investigators said.



Iran has charged dozens of people with spying and aiding a Western plot to overthrow its system of clerical rule following June's presidential election.

"The trials seem to be show trials ... I'm afraid people will be convicted on the basis of forced confessions," Manfred Nowak, UN

special rapporteur on torture, told Reuters.

Nowak said he had brought more than 300 cases of alleged ill-treatment to the attention of Iranian authorities, who have acknowledged some protesters were tortured at Kahrizak detention centre, and said its director had been jailed. At least three people died in custody there. REUTERS

## Chile Native protest



A member of the Mapuches Indians Movement is arrested during a rally in Santiago Thursday. The rally protested the death of a Mapuche Indian who was shot during clashes with the police over territorial development in southern Chile.

## Some Americans heading south for meds

**HEALTH CARE** Retired police officer Bob Ritz has health insurance that covers his medical and dental care in the U.S. But every few months he drives from his home in Arizona to Mexico to avoid the health care costs that aren't paid by insurance.

"I pay \$400 a month for my health insurance, and it's still cheaper to come to Mexico," says Ritz, 60.

U.S. President Barack Obama is locked in a bitter fight to overhaul health care, as he seeks to increase the number of Americans getting coverage and drive

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Estimated number of Californians alone who travel to Mexico each year for medical/dental needs.

down costs of around \$2.5 trillion a year.

Republican critics charge that Obama and Democratic allies are seeking a government takeover that will drive up the budget deficit.

With Washington bickering over how to reform the system, many Americans like Ritz simply head to Mexico to get care they can

afford. The total number making the trip is unclear. But a recent study by the UCLA Center for Health Policy Research estimated that nearly one million people from California alone seek medical, dental or prescription services in Mexico each year.

"The very wealthy can afford whatever they want, the very poor get it through aid, but the working and the middle-class have to struggle to pay insurance," said Ritz.

"I'm very lucky to live near enough to Mexico."

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## Families divided over bomber

**LOCKERBIE** Families of victims of the 1988 Lockerbie bombing stood sharply divided Thursday over reports the former Libyan agent jailed for life for the attack is to be freed on compassionate grounds.

Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, 57, is dying of prostate cancer and could be released from a Scottish jail as early as next week, unconfirmed media reports said. A Scottish government spokeswoman said no decision had been taken.

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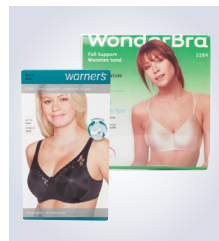
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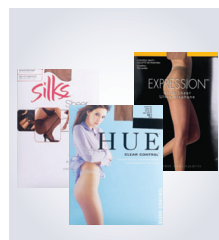
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## Comment

### Love's complicated course

#### ModernLife

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When Chastity Bono, now Chaz, announced several weeks ago, he'd be transitioning to male from female, I immediately wondered how his girlfriend would take it. That's because Chaz's sex change means his girlfriend, who previously had a girlfriend, now has a boyfriend. Come to think of it, Chaz's sex change will now make him a heterosexual male. The physical changes are just the beginning when a

person changes gender. It's what follows that can get complicated.

Changing sexes may be the beginning of a new life for one-half of a couple, but for the other half, it means switching sexual preferences if the relationship is going to continue. While some people are bisexual, most prefer one sex over the other, which is why changing your sexual preference to save a relationship is pretty difficult. In fact, many people can't.

When "Rachel" transitioned to female from male several years ago, she lost the woman she'd loved for the past 33 years. Says Rachel, "My wife was my best friend for such a long time, but she wasn't a lesbian and couldn't change her sexuality."

"Kimberley" would pre-

fer to transition to female from male, but hasn't because she doesn't want to end her 34-year marriage. She feels great anxiety staying in a male body, but knows she'd lose her wife. Kimberley explains, "My wife can't see past a person's sexual identity."

If heterosexuals feel odd having their sexual preferences challenged, gay people have the same difficulty. Kimberley's support group often encounters the issue. "Many trans men identify as lesbians before realizing they're male but their partners don't want a heterosexual relationship."

Ironically, both Rachel and Kimberley prefer women, which they always have, but by changing sexes, they're now lesbians, although their actual sexual preferences haven't

changed. Says Rachel, "I've always liked women."

Rachel says she's seen some couples survive a transition. "I know two couples who have stayed together — one isn't intimate and I'm not sure about the other." In certain cases people are gender blind. One lesbian tells me she'd love her partner as a man or a woman, but when I ask her why she doesn't date men, she can't answer.

As Lysander in Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream* lamented, "The course of true love never did run smooth."

Little did he know how complicated the course of true love was about to become.

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## Views

### Nothing new about New Democrats

#### UrbanCompass

Paul Sullivan

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Hello Halifax.

I've been asked to write today's column because the New Democrats are in Halifax this weekend, and I have plenty of experience covering New Democrats.

You're just starting your NDP adventure here in Nova Scotia, but I've been following them around since an ancestor of Avi Lewis ran the party. (His name, for those of you who like to play Trivial Pursuit, the Extra Trivial Edition, was David.)

I covered the NDP governments of Ed Schreyer and Howard Pawley in Manitoba and Mike Harcourt and Glen Clark in B.C. I even had lunch with Jack Layton at my favourite Szechuan

restaurant in Vancouver, where we discussed biofuels and the green beans, in that order, I think.

Let me tell you, there's nothing new about them. Which is why, I guess, they're seriously toying with dropping "New" from their name. It could even happen this weekend, making Halifax even more historic than it already is.

That would make it the Democratic Party, and who do they think they're fooling? I've met Jack Layton and he's no Barack Obama.

Have they forgotten the last time a political party tried to change its

name? At one stage during the excruciating marriage of the seceding Reform Party to the moribund Progress Conservatives, we had the Canadian Conservative Reform Alliance Party, or CCRAP, prompting Jean Chrétien to quip that they came up with a name "we cannot pronounce in front of the kids." Such a card, that *petit gars*.

Whatever they're called, the New Democrats are stuck: Stuck in the past, stuck with the union movement, stuck at between 10 and 20 per cent in the polls, stuck in English Canada, and stuck in a brown funk, as opposed to the Green party, which at least is named after something cool and European.

But now, fuelled by optimism that comes

Jack Layton

with holding their national convention in their new stronghold of Nova Scotia (you get tired of holding conventions in Winnipeg, especially in the winter), almost getting into government via the back door of a coalition with the Liberals, and the perpetual promise of Carol James in Victoria, the NDP is trying to take politics seriously.

As far as I can tell, that means fewer wing nut resolutions from the floor issued by socialist gentlemen with unruly beards stamping their Birkenstocks for emphasis, and a name change.

I, for one, am going to miss the wing nuts. But as for the name change, I advise against it. If you want extra pizzazz, you put "new" into your name, you don't take it out. After all, it still works for "Nova" Scotia after all these years.

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## Worth mentioning

### E.T. text home: Website reaches out to planet

An Australian website is giving texting an intergalactic touch and allowing users to send short cell-phone-type messages into space.

Beginning this week and until Aug. 24, people hankering for an out-of-this-world experience can visit HelloFromEarth.net to post messages no longer than 160 characters that will be transmitted to Gliese 581d, the nearest Earth-like planet outside the solar system likely to support life.

Expected delivery time, however, is some 20 years, the website said. And there's no guarantee of a response.

"It's like a 'message in a bottle' cast out into the stars. What's interesting is not just whether there's anyone listening, but what the public will say to intelligent life on another planet," said project spokesperson Wilson da Silva.

"Hello From Earth is our

way of showing that science can make the impossible possible. We have been to the moon and now we can speak to the stars," he said in a statement.

The messages, to be transmitted from the Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex, with the close co-operation of U.S. space agency NASA, is part of Australia's National Science

Week, which celebrates the country's scientific achievements and creates awareness of the importance of science.

Science Minister Kim Carr entered the first message to launch the project.

"Hello from Australia on the planet we call Earth. These messages express our people's dreams for the future. We want to share those dreams with you," his message said.

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**Microsoft seeks share of Apple's market with Zune**

Microsoft Corp. put its new Zune HD digital music and video player on sale Thursday, pricing it below comparable Apple iPod devices. **REUTERS**

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# Business

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## Canada set to jump in economic rankings

**Canada is expected to move up in global economic rankings in 2009 and 2010 as the recession lingers in other countries, buoyed by a stable bank sector and lower unemployment, a study showed Thursday.**

After ranking 11th of 17 developed countries in the Conference Board of Canada's 2008 report card, Canada is expected to vault to fifth place in 2010, based on economic forecasts by the Organization

### Top, bottom spots

Despite movement among the 27 countries, the top and bottom positions are not expected to change between 2008 and 2010. Norway and Ireland are forecast to remain first and 17th, respectively.

for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), the Conference Board said.

Using the OECD's fore-

casts for growth, unemployment and other economic factors over the next two years, the board found Canada was poised to come out of the global recession ahead of many peers, pushing it up the rankings for international economic performance.

Belgium and the United States were also expected to move up, while Britain, the Netherlands and Switzerland are expected to fall, it said.

**REUTERS**

## New deals may grow Jackson estate by \$200M

**MUSIC** Album sales, a movie deal and other projects could boost Michael Jackson's estate by \$200 million (all figures US) before the end of this year, the Los Angeles Times reported Thursday.



Michael Jackson

The estate is expected to generate at least \$50 million in annual revenue, said John Branca, one of the executors of Jackson's estate.

Jackson's album sales have surged following his death in June and the singer has dozens of unreleased songs, some of which executors believe could be released.

Branca said record sales and other revenue could generate \$100 million for the estate by the end of 2009. A movie based on the singer's last rehearsals, which is expected to be released in October, and other deals will generate another \$100 million in the same timeframe.

Jackson left about \$400 million in debts when he died of cardiac arrest June 25, the paper said.

But his assets, including partial ownership of the Sony/ATV music catalogue and many songs by The Beatles, outweigh his debts by at least \$200 million.

**REUTERS**

## Greece Tourism revenue sinking



A lone woman stands on the deck of a ferry boat off the port of Oropos village, northeast of Athens. The peak summer tourism season in Europe looks equally bleak on low arrivals and even lower revenues as those who travel come on a budget.

## Canadian Tire profit rises in Q2 despite slow spring sales

**RETAIL** Canadian Tire Corp. reported a higher quarterly profit Thursday despite a drop in sales as it benefited from improved gross margins and lower expenses.

The sales drop was a result of the economic downturn and a cold and wet spring that kept consumers from buying outdoor goods, the company

said. Canadian Tire is Canada's biggest auto parts and household goods retailer, and also operates gasoline bars and a financial services unit.

It said it earned \$103.7 million, or \$1.27 a share, in its second quarter, up from \$97.7 million, or \$1.20 a share, in the same period a year earlier.

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Dr. Pepper Snapple Group Inc. reported a much higher-than-expected jump in quarterly profit Thursday and raised its full-year outlook, citing lower costs for packaging and ingredients. But The company's higher-end non-carbonated drinks continued to suffer as consumers cut back. **REUTERS**

# Bad times taking toll on tournaments

The world's top 25 women's tennis players descend on Toronto this weekend. But the recession has made it tough slogging for organizers of sports events as sponsors cut back on precious marketing dollars.

Since last year's Rogers Cup tournament, Tennis Canada has lost 14 sponsor partners, split between the men's and women's tennis events held in Montreal and Toronto. Ten of those severed partnerships were directly related to tighter marketing budgets, accord-

**"If you're a company laying off staff and cutting plants, this is not the year to look grandiose in a corporate box."**

Sunni Boot, ZenithOptimedia Canada

ing to the non-profit.

"For us, that's unheard of. That's unprecedented," says Greg Wood, vice-president of corporate sponsorships for Tennis Canada. The group's predicament is typical of arts and sports organizations trying to attract sponsors in tight economic times.

"The reality is every ma-

jor sporting event is dragging themselves to the finish line with all the cuts," says Sunni Boot, CEO of media management firm ZenithOptimedia Canada. "If you're a company laying off staff and cutting plants, this is not the year to look grandiose in a corporate box."

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# Ethanol producer disputes claims

**FUEL** Ken Field says he's tired of the "campaign against corn ethanol" that over the past two years has created a damaging public misperception of the renewable fuel.

The founder and chairman of Toronto-based Greenfield Ethanol, the largest independent ethanol producer in Canada, is lashing out at reports this week that record-high sugar prices are going to lead to more expensive fuel, and as a result push up prices at the gas pumps.

In Brazil, maybe — but not in North America, not in Canada.

## Sugar demand

• Douglas Auld, an economics professor at the University of Guelph, said there's not a direct link between sugar prices and North American ethanol, but high sugar prices could lead to more demand for corn-based sweeteners.

"This (rise in sugar) has absolutely nothing to do with ethanol, particularly in Ontario," said Field, lamenting the spread of bad information, which most ethanol proponents blame on the oil

and food lobbies.

Lack of monsoon rains in India has helped put a squeeze on global sugar production, pushing prices more than 80 per cent higher since the beginning of the year. Many analysts see a 30-year high within reach.

But most ethanol produced and used in North America comes from corn, not sugar, said Field, whose company buys 60 million bushels of corn a year. "Fact is there's lots of corn, so the price of ethanol is not going to go up. If anything, it's going to be lower."

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# Wal-Mart posts strong Q2 earnings

**RETAIL** Wal-Mart Stores Inc. posted better-than-expected quarterly earnings Thursday as a clampdown on inventory offset falling sales, and the company forecast a full-year profit that could beat Wall Street estimates, sending its shares up 1.7 per cent.

The world's biggest retailer, which now bills itself as "Walmart," said the hold-down on inventory

helped it protect margins and avoid costly mark-downs as cautious shoppers stuck to buying necessities like food.

Total sales fell 1.4 per cent to \$100.08 billion US. The better-than-expected profit more than outweighed its weaker-than-planned sales given the tough economy, said Peter Benedict, analyst at Robert W. Baird & Co.

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## Business in brief

**AUTO** Magna and its Russian partner Sberbank have reached a deal in principle with General Motors over a contract to buy 55 per cent of Opel, Magna's co-CEO Siegfried Wolf said Thursday. The boards of directors of GM and Magna still need to approve a deal before trustees who control 65 per cent of Opel and its British brand Vauxhall could give their final consent, he said.

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**Purple maintains lead in Carquest tour**

Enfield's Shawn Turple takes a slim lead atop the Carquest Pro Stock Tour into the Lucas Oil 100 at Scotia Speedworld near Halifax on Saturday. The 30-year-old was the tour's rookie of the year in 2005 and has three top-four finishes. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Sports



## Herd owner to play for police

The Halifax Mooseheads announced yesterday that majority owner Bobby Smith, left, will play for Halifax Regional Police in an alumni game on Aug. 23 at 3:30 p.m. at the Halifax Forum. Former Mooseheads forward and current police officer Jules-Edy Laraque will play for the Mooseheads. **METRO HALIFAX**

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# Teammates keep rookie grounded

Being on crew with former Olympians helps Genevieve Orton keep her focus

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**If kayaks had bumper stickers, a fitting one for Canada's women's K-4 500-metre crew would be "baby on board."**

"I'm the only non-Olympic in the boat — I guess I'm the baby," joked Lake Echo's Genevieve Orton on Thursday, after her crew qualified for Saturday's final at the world sprint canoe-kayak championships on Lake Banook.

Not that the 25-year-old national-team rookie is complaining about being teamed with two-time Olympian Mylanie Barre and Beijing Olympians Kristin Gauthier and Emilie Fournel. Since the crew formed in the spring, it has won two silver medals at World Cup events and is gunning for more this weekend.

Orton's veteran teammates have been a calming influence thanks to their heavy international experience.

"When we get to competitions, I'm sort of wide-



Canada's women's K-4 500-metre team of (from left) Genevieve Orton of Lake Echo, Montreal's Emilie Fournel, Ottawa's Kristin Gauthier and Mylanie Barre of Lac Beauport, Que., paddle for the finish line in Thursday's heat at the world sprint canoe/kayak championships. The team advanced directly to Saturday morning's final.

eyed and just happy to be there," Orton said. "They really help keep me grounded and focused on the job at hand."

That came into play on

Thursday, when Orton admitted to being nervous as she approached the starting gate for the K-4 500 heat. It was her first world championship race and she

had a large contingent of family and friends in the crowd.

But the crew placed third in their heat and fifth overall in 1:40.909 and clinched

a direct berth in Saturday's final.

Middle Sackville's Jillian D'Alessio and her K-2 1,000 partner Victoria Tuttle were the only other Canadian

## Highlights

World sprint canoe-kayak championships  
At Lake Banook  
Friday  
• Semifinals, 9 to 11:40 a.m. and 2:30 to 4:15 p.m.  
Saturday  
• Finals, 8:30 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.  
Sunday  
• Finals, 8:30 a.m. to 1:50 p.m.  
• Closing ceremonies, 4 p.m.  
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crew to clinch a berth in a final after Thursday's heats.

The K-4 team has been pegged as one of Canada's medal hopefuls at the event. Orton expects them to be in contention — if they can work out some of the kinks. They felt they had a strong start but want to maintain a better pace throughout.

"I would (rate the heat) a nine out of 10," Orton said. "We definitely have something else to put in, but we're going to go over and sort that out and be ready for Saturday."

## Swan gets NHL invite

**PROSPECT** Former Halifax Mooseheads forward Bryce Swan has earned another shot at an NHL contract, this time with the Minnesota Wild.

The 21-year-old St. Francis Xavier X-Men forward will play for the Wild at an NHL prospects tournament in Traverse City, Mich., in September. He had an unsuccessful tryout with the Detroit Red Wings last season after turning down a pair of contract offers from the Anaheim Ducks, who drafted him 38th overall in 2006. Swan was one of the top rookie goal-scorers in Atlantic University Sport last season, finding the net 13 times and adding nine assists for 22 points in 27 games.

Reigning Mooseheads MVP Tomas Knotek will also play for the Wild at the tournament on a tryout basis. **METRO HALIFAX**

## C-2 crew miss chance at byes

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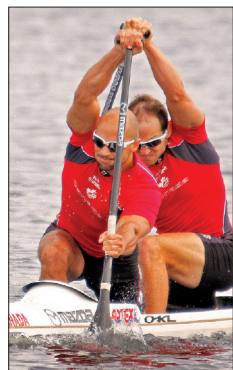
Andrew Russell will have to take the scenic route to the podium at the world sprint canoe-kayak championships.

The Dartmouth native and his partner Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny of Trois-Rivières, Que., missed chances for direct byes to a pair of C-2 finals Thursday, placing fourth in their 1,000-metre heat in the morning and third in the 500 in the afternoon.

"It's a little perk if you were able to (qualify for the finals) because that would give us a little bit more rest," Russell said.

"Gab and I both have four events so it's going to be a long weekend, but we're looking forward to it either way."

Andrew's brother, Ben-



Andrew Russell and Gabriel Beauchesne-Sevigny compete in Thursday's C-2 500m heats.

jamin, and Halifax's Richard Dalton placed fourth in the C-4 1,000 and advanced to the semifinals.

Waverley's Karen Furneaux (K-1 500 heats) and Dartmouth's Una Lounder (K-2 500) also

moved on to the semis.

**SUCCESSFUL RETURN:** There were no ill effects for Adam van Koeverden on Thursday in his first official race since breaking his ankle on a whitewater rafting trip in June.

The three-time Olympic medallist won his K-1 500 and 1,000 heats and will compete in Friday's semifinals.

"My ankle's fine and it's not posing any difficulty or hurting at all in the boat," said van Koeverden, who was on crutches for a few weeks and worried about his leg's strength.

Van Koeverden and Mark Oldershaw (C-1 500 and 1,000) were Canada's only paddlers to win their heats yesterday, but every crew advanced at least to Friday's semifinals.

"We're optimistic and we have every reason to be," he said.

## Dartmouth native wants to see some competition

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Maria Halavrezos has very good odds of finding her way onto the podium this weekend on Lake Banook.

But the Dartmouth native won't be satisfied unless a handful of other countries are right there with her, pushing her to the finish at the world sprint canoe-kayak championships.

Halavrezos is racing in the exhibition discipline of women's canoe, which is dominated by only a few nations and is working to one day be accepted as an Olympic event.

"It's really important to me that it looks like a race," said Halavrezos, who partners with Jenna Marks, also of Dartmouth, in the C-2 200- and 500-metre boats.

**"It's really important to me that it looks like a race."**

Maria Halavrezos

"It's no good for the sport if there are big discrepancies where people are finishing. It needs to be competitive and it needs to be exciting for people to watch."

Halavrezos has only raced against the U.S., Brazil and Ecuador and isn't sure what to expect from Europe. If those crews surprise her, she hopes it will help her sport grow.

"If we show we can go fast, paddle well and show that it's exciting to watch, then countries might sit up and see there's something to develop here," she said.



Chris Economides, senior manager of the United Soccer Leagues, told Radio-Canada this week that Nike, the league's primary owner, has been seeking a buyer for more than a month. Joey Saputo, owner of the Montreal Impact, later confirmed the for-sale status to the station. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Restore some faith

Rules should be reinforced to make sport pure again

Field of Play

Scott Russell

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It's time for sport to turn the page on the dark times. The moment is at hand for a renaissance and a return to basics.

Let's give the people who run sport an arbitrary date — make it Jan. 1, 2010 — to get their collective houses in order. By then make it mandatory to identify the rules of fair play, standardize equipment and ban outright the use of performance enhancing drugs.

Then, once everything is clear and everyone knows the score, let's start the record books anew and make it plain that while there were great athletes in the past capable of accomplishing remarkable things, we are entering an age of enlightenment.

Make it a blank sheet — a brand new start — and let's believe in sport again.

Reading that the magnificent Hank Aaron is willing to allow drug cheats into baseball's Hall of Fame and their home run records to stand as long as there is an asterisk on the accompanying plaque is a sad commentary on where sport has gone.

So is that fact that more than 40 world records fell at the recent swimming championships in Rome because athletes en masse decided to wear flotation devices that allowed them to shatter hard won standards.

Enough already. The golden age of the amateur is long gone, but that doesn't mean we should allow sport to be hijacked by scientists and shady characters whose sole purpose in life is to turn the athletic pursuit into a seedy business venture. Instead of beating the odds, the thrill of victory

and the agony of defeat, we've got a bunch of hucksters eager to beef up the bottom line while the consumers pay the price.

Sport deserves better than that.

Only by allowing the record books to be completely rewritten will we understand what we love about sport in the first place. Lasting champions do what they do because they display more talent, have a greater drive or a stronger will to win.

Let's not read about asterisks in convoluted statistical recitations of who did what with the help of which steroid or polyurethane body suit. Let's instead stage a revolution and make sport pure.

Only by beginning again will the record books tell the real story of sport.



Hank Aaron

Scott Russell is the host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

## PGA Major showdown



Tiger Woods, left, and Padraig Harrington of Ireland walk across the seventh green Thursday during the first round of the 2009 PGA Championship at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, Minn. Woods led at 5-under after the first day. Harrington was one stroke back. Mike Weir of Bright's Grove, Ont., sat at 2-over.

## Golf, rugby on IOC shortlist

**OLYMPICS** Golf and rugby sevens took a major step towards inclusion in the 2016 Olympic Games after being shortlisted by the International Olympic Committee on Thursday.

The two sports, which last featured in the Olympics more than 80 years ago, were selected from seven candidate sports by the IOC's executive board and a final vote on their inclusion will be held at the IOC session in Copenhagen in October.

The other five — squash, softball, baseball, roller sports and karate — will need to wait another four years before attempting to make it on to the Games program.

"In the end, the decision came down to which two would add the most value," IOC president Jacques Rogge told reporters.

"Golf and rugby scored high on all 33 criteria."

For softball and baseball, which were taken off the Games in 2005 and will not feature from 2012 onwards, it was a bitter decision with severe economic repercussions.

"Reinstatement would have been the catalyst for further sustainable growth," said international softball chief Don Porter. "We will continue to pursue our Olympic dream."

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## Women's boxing OK'd for Olympics

**2012** Women's boxing will make its first appearance on the Olympic program at the London 2012 Games, the International Olympic Committee said on Thursday.

"It is a great addition to the Games," said IOC president Jacques Rogge. "Boxing was the sole sport where no women were involved (in the summer Olympics)."

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## Sports in brief

**NFL** Michael Vick is back in the National Football League, as the quarterback agreed to a contract with the Philadelphia Eagles on Thursday. The Philadelphia Daily News reports it's a one-year contract with a one-year team option. Several media reports indicate the deal is for \$1.6 million in the first year and the option is for \$5.2 million.

**ROGERS CUP** After two months on the sidelines, Rafael Nadal finally put his knees through a full workout with an energetic 6-3, 6-2 third round win over Germany's Philipp Petzschner capped by an on-court victory

dance at the Montreal Masters on Thursday.

**TENNIS** Former world No. 1 Monica Seles will be inducted into the Rogers Cup Hall of Fame next week in Toronto, a fitting honour for the only player in the modern era to win four straight Canadian titles.

**NFL** Cleveland Browns wide receiver Donte Stallworth was suspended without pay for the season Thursday after pleading guilty to DUI manslaughter in June. He will be reinstated after the Super Bowl.

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11	3:00 PM	Beazley	New Brunswick	vs	Alberta
12	4:00 PM	Mainland Commons	Nova Scotia	vs	British Columbia
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14	7:00 PM	Beazley	Dartmouth	vs	New Brunswick 2

Saturday, August 22, 2009					
15	9:00 AM	Mainland Commons	Ontario	vs	Quebec
16	9:00 AM	Beazley	Newfoundland and Labrador	vs	Alberta
17	12:00 PM	Beazley	Dartmouth	vs	Manitoba
18	12:00 PM	Mainland Commons	New Brunswick 1	vs	Nova Scotia
19	2:45 PM	Beazley	New Brunswick 2	vs	Ontario
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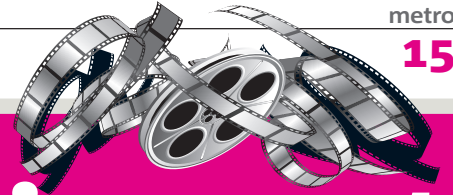


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"This is very much not Schindler's List. I think anyone that sees Brad Pitt with that mustache knows this is not Schindler's List," says B.J. Novak, a writer/producer/actor who suits up as one of the Inglourious Basterds in Quentin Tarantino's war film.

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# A Basterd's life

## Actor relives his Inglourious days

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This summer, the big screen has played host to several cast members of NBC's *The Office*, including John Krasinski (*Away We Go*), Ed Helms (*The Hangover*) and Oscar Nunez (*The Proposal*). But for B.J. Novak, who also serves as a writer and producer on the hit series, getting time off to make *Inglourious*

**Basterds was a little bit trickier.**

"It's especially hard for me because the writers don't really have any hiatus at all," Novak explains. "It's hard enough for the actors. But the writers only get a couple weeks a year off. Unless you can really cash in all your chips and favours, like I did with this movie."

But for Novak, calling in those favours was completely worth it, as the opportunity to take part in a Quentin Tarantino film was just too good to pass up.

"He's always been one of the five people I would invite to that fabled dinner," Novak says. And while on location in Europe, the director did not disappoint. "We would be out until four or five in the morning in

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Quentin Tarantino on the set of *Inglourious Basterds*.

Berlin, eating, drinking, talking about movies — or in my case listening about movies. But at some point, I was like, 'Dude I have to get to sleep,' you know?"

Getting to watch one of his role models in action was an invaluable experience.

"It was a bit of a reminder of what made me want to be a writer in the first place, which was watching *Pulp Fiction* at 14," Novak says.

"On set, I always felt Tarantino the filmmaker was trying to outsmart

Tarantino the film fan. He was playing chess against his young self sitting in a movie theatre wondering what was going to happen next."

As one of the titular Basterds, Novak had to suit up as part of a covert team of Jewish American soldiers led by Brad Pitt setting out to kill Nazis, which meant taking on the type of weapons training not necessarily offered to the staff of *Dunder-Mifflin*.

"I'd certainly never fired a machine gun before, and I'd certainly never scalped a Nazi before," Novak explains.

### Quentin's cut

• Quentin Tarantino isn't afraid of long movies. After all, his last major project — before 2007's *Grindhouse* project with Robert Rodriguez — was the epic *Kill Bill*, which had to be split into two films, each quite lengthy in their own right. "Every movie is different, every filmmaker is different," Tarantino says. "Everything needs the time that it needs."

But he had to know that when his latest, the bulging Second World War fantasy *Inglourious Basterds*, came out, people would be eyeballing the running time. In fact, since its debut at the Cannes Film Festival earlier this year, the director took another stab at trimming it — and the movie ended up one minute longer. "It's a minute longer than the Cannes cut, but it feels 20 minutes shorter," he insists.

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**The Goods**

**Director:** Neal Brennan

**Stars:** Jeremy Piven, Ed Helms

**Classification:** STC

**Rating:** ●●●●

**STEVE GOW**  
for Metro Canada



**REVIEW** At some point over the past year, Chrysler really could've used a guy like Don Ready. The self-proclaimed "goods," Ready may be arrogant, belligerent and completely overbearing but he can definitely "move the metal."

In *The Goods*, Jeremy Piven (HBO's *Entourage*) plays the contemptuous lead character, piloting his nomadic pack of auto-sales guns-for-hire around the country to save the bacon of bankrupt lots everywhere.

When they stop to help a dealer in Tecumseh, Calif., Ready is faced with trying to rescue a dealership from its savage competitor (played by Alan Thicke, no less), he inadvertently falls



Jeremy Piven, right, plays the lead in *The Goods*.

for the owner's straight-arrow daughter.

Produced by Will Ferrell and filmmaker Adam McKay, *The Goods* certainly doesn't expand beyond formula in terms of plot twists or storylines. But it does carouse in the same childish, callow comedy as the pair's previous partnerships.

For that reason, *The Goods* may not be great cinema — in fact, it may be full of crude, politically incorrect one-note jokes — but in that department, it does deliver the goods.

Juvenile, baseless and rather bone-headed, *The Goods* may be a lemon of a film, but it's a lemon that is agreeably entertaining.

**Bandslam**

**Director:** Todd Graff

**Stars:** Alyson Michalka, Vanessa Hudgens, Gaelen Connell

**Classification:** PG

**Rating:** ●●●●

**PHIL BROWN**  
for Metro Canada



**Is it possible to make a movie about outsiders struggling to find a unique voice that also doubles as bubblegum pop for the masses? Well no, but that's exactly what writer/director Todd Graff tries to pull off with *Bandslam* anyways.**

There's an idea with potential at the heart of *Bandslam* (which is presumably how the project started), but it's quickly lost behind glossy excess and generic screenwriting-by-numbers. The filmmakers seem to desperately want to teach kids about obscure and interesting music despite the fact that



Vanessa Hudgens stars in *Bandslam*.

*Bandslam* is a prime example the factory-produced culture marketed to teens that the movie's protagonists would hate.

Perpetually awkward Gaelen Connell stars as a high school reject and music obsessive who joins a new school that gives the local battle of the bands the same social importance as football.

He soon meets Disney

Channel sweetheart Alyson Michalka, who convinces him to use his extensive musical knowledge to create a band of substance that will topple the high school hierarchy. It's not a terrible idea for a high school comedy and had it starred actual teens who look like social misfits, it could have been a sweet little movie.

Unfortunately it stars a

collection of impossibly beautiful 20-somethings trying to look like teenagers and has a muddled plot that takes an unnecessary and distracting plunge into melodrama.

With a smart script and some talented young musicians in the lead, this could have been the movie that spawned thousands of hipster high schoolers. Instead it's mostly just mainstream posturing with the occasional unexpected reference to hipster icons like CBGBs and *Evil Dead 2* (instantly making them all slightly less cool by association).

For a superficial teen pop movie in the High School: The Musical vein, it's not terrible and at least its heart is in the right place. But given the obvious ambitions of the filmmakers, *Bandslam* can't be viewed as anything other than a disappointment.

• For *Bandslam* photos, a trailer and screen times, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies).

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# Ponyo spirits you away

### Ponyo

**Director:** Hayao Miyazaki  
**Stars:** Cate Blanchett, Liam Neeson  
**Classification:** G  
**Rating:** ●●●●●

CHRIS ALEXANDER  
 for Metro Canada



In an age where the animated feature has steered into smooth, three-dimensional computer sculpted perfection, the warm, organic work of Hayao Miyazaki stands out all the more profoundly.

The Oscar winning artist (in 2003 for Spirited Away) is one of the most influential animators in film history, often hand drawing his own work while exploring personal themes of feminism and environmentalism against a stirring fantasy backdrop.

His latest effort is Ponyo, a gentle, haunting, gorgeously rendered fairy tale, which mines Hans Chris-



Japanese animation legend Hayao Miyazaki returns with Ponyo.

tian Andersen's The Little Mermaid for its template, but is otherwise Miyazaki at his most joyous.

Deep within the ocean, little Ponyo — a fish with a red dress and a human face — pines for a life beyond the one her Robert Smith-coiffed Wizard father has designed for her. Bursting to the surface, she is befriended by little Sosuke whose love for her is so great that Ponyo willfully becomes a human girl to be with him.

But her rebellion has its

price and the balance of nature becomes dangerously skewed. If there is a flaw at all in Ponyo, it's certainly none of its creator's doing, rather the English dub is a bit wonky, with many A list Hollywood stars (including Cate Blanchett and Liam Neeson) trying their best with an often laughably translated script.

But this minor quibble aside, Miyazaki is in top form here. The story is delightful and imaginative,

the characters warmly drawn, it positively erupts in colour and Joe Hisaishi's Wagnerian orchestral score pushes even the most benign of images into grand day-glo opera.

It's appropriate that Ponyo is being released in North America through Disney: Miyazaki, perhaps more than any other animator, is keeping Walt's spirit alive and well.

• For Ponyo photos, a trailer and screen times, visit [metronews.ca/movies](http://metronews.ca/movies).

## Literally food for thought

### Food Inc.

**Director:** Robert Kenner  
**Classification:** STC  
**Rating:** ●●●●

KEVIN COURRIER  
 for Metro Canada



It's often been said that you are what you eat. But after a screening of Robert Kenner's incendiary documentary Food Inc. — which examines how the fast-food industry radically transformed food production in North America into a stomach-churning enterprise — you just might want to redefine those terms. While Food Inc. is thankfully not alarmist in tone, the facts it uncovers are nevertheless alarming.

Using as his guides author Eric Schlosser (Fast Food Nation: The Dark Side of the All-American Meal) and UC Berkeley School of Journalism Professor Michael Pollan (The Omnivore's Delight), Kenner examines how the

mass-produced food we now consume is not only lacking in proper nutrients; it may also contain potentially harmful bacteria. The story begins with McDonalds, who set the template for cheap assembly-line food production, then shows how American farms have now become equally uniform — and at the horrible price of creating unhealthy working conditions for both workers and livestock.

We may end up spending less for the food, but we pay dearly for it with increasing cases of diabetes, obesity and E. coli outbreaks.

It's unfortunate, however, that because many of the corporate industrial heads like Monsanto refused to be interviewed for the film, Food ends up lacking dimension. Like An Inconvenient Truth, Food Inc. lays out its argument clearly, but it's only one side of the story. To be a truly great documentary, Food Inc. needs a few other conflicting morsels.







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**Funny People** (14) Fri-  
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**Cobra** (14) No Passes Fri  
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**Half-Blood Prince**  
(PG) Fri-Thu 2:30-6:30**Julie & Julia** (PG) No  
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(14) Fri-Thu 9:45**The Time Traveler's**  
**Wife** (STC) Fri 2:35-7:10-  
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902-423-7488**Julie & Julia** (PG) No  
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## Music

## The legacy of John Hughes

## SoundCheck

Alan Cross

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Since the death of director/writer John Hughes last week, there have been many tributes on how his half-dozen Brat Pack movies of the '80s so realistically articulated the thoughts and fears of high school kids. No mindless slasher plots or Porky's clones here. Instead, Hughes' films offered some gentle life lessons in ways that weren't condescending or preachy.

And let's not forget how these movies — *Sixteen Candles*, *The Breakfast Club*, *Weird Science*, *Pretty in Pink* and *Some Kind of Wonderful* — all produced soundtracks that provided a serious musical education to the kids who would soon grow up to be grunge-y Gen-Xers. A soundtrack to a Hughes movie opened doors for both listeners and performers alike.

The list of then-new U.K. bands from these soundtracks reads like a "who's who" of the '80s: The Smiths, OMD, the Psychedelic Furs, Spandau Ballet, New Order, Echo and the



Films like *The Breakfast Club* provided a serious musical education for teenagers.

### "Hughes' films offered some gentle life lessons in ways that weren't condescending or preachy."

Bunnymen, the Specials, Billy Idol, *Flesh for Lulu*, the English Beat, *Big Audio Dynamite*, *General Public*. For many North Americans, their first exposure to these groups came courtesy of a John Hughes movie.

Where the right existing song couldn't be found, it was commissioned. Keith Forsey — Donna Summer's old drummer and the Oscar-winning co-writer of *Flashdance*... What a Feeling — was asked to provide a title song for *The Breakfast Club*.

He offered the performance to both Bryan Ferry and Billy Idol, both of whom turned it down. When he gave it to his distant third choice, Simple Minds turned "Don't You (Forget About Me)" into a worldwide No. 1 hit and the biggest song of their career.

Hughes also had a soft spot for L.A. band Oingo Boingo, using them in almost all his Brat Pack films. Now leader Danny Elfman is one of Hollywood's most prolific scorers of films and

TV programs, not to mention the author of the theme for *The Simpsons*.

If you ever find yourself wondering what the mid-'80s sounded like, rent a John Hughes movie. Or better yet, see if you can find the soundtrack CDs. The only exception is *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, which never saw a companion soundtrack because Hughes thought that the mix of music used in the film was too weird. Too bad, too, because it was the best-ever use of the Beatles' version of *Twist and Shout*.

The Ongoing History Of New Music can be heard on stations across Canada. Read more at [ongoinghistory.com](http://ongoinghistory.com) and [exploremusic.com](http://exploremusic.com)



The Breeders have a new four-song EP called *Fate To Fatal* (4AD).

## Breeders are back

KEITH CARMAN  
for Metro Canada

Over the course of their 20 year history, alternative rockers The Breeders—well, mainstays/twin sisters Kim and Kelley Deal—have had some pretty rock 'n' roll moments: Kim's meteoric rise, fall and rejuvenation with legendary act The Pixies, a chart-topping sophomore album *Last Splash* in 1993, drug busts, rehab stints ... the list goes on.

When discussing their forthcoming tour though, Kelley reveals what is probably the least expected rock instance ever. "I'd love it if you throw me your yarn," she gushes enthusiastically. "That would be so awesome. Canada has the best yarn I've ever seen in my entire life."

Deal's fancy for textiles and ensuing book, last

year's *Bags That Rock: Knitting On The Road With Kelley Deal*, is understandable. Some years back, she embraced the pastime after quitting heroin.

Were it not for picking up a different set of needles, she admits that prison and quite possibly a fatality could have been the end result. It's a sentiment alluded to in the title of The Breeders' latest venture, a four-song EP dubbed *Fate To Fatal* (4AD).

Not to make it sound like there was some sort of design behind the affair. Deal notes that it is a matter of happenstance.

"I wish we were patient. It would sound like we have a master plan; someone's in charge," she admits. "We don't put something out for any other reason than we like this clutch of songs and we want people to hear them."

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**Kourtney 'shocked' by pregnancy**

Kourtney Kardashian is pregnant with her first child. The reality TV star — who hasn't been in a relationship since January — was "shocked" to discover she is expecting a baby while on holiday in Florida. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



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## Television

# What would Don Draper do?

NED EHRBAR  
for Metro Canada

**Jon Hamm has been getting a lot of attention since his hit series, Mad Men, debuted two years ago.**

He's won a Golden Globe and been nominated for an Emmy twice, he's hosted Saturday Night Live, and his now-iconic character, Don Draper, has launched a veritable cult devoted to the well-dressed, self-assured advertising executive. There's even a website set up in tribute, What Would Don Draper Do?

"The character certainly has resonated in a much larger way than I think anybody really expected," Hamm says modestly, taking a break between shooting scenes for the third season, which premieres Sunday.

The square-jawed, affable 38-year-old actor — who spent years toiling in anonymous bit parts on various TV shows before landing Mad Men — is still incredibly appreciative of what the series has done for him. "When something like this happens, this sort of 'overnight success,' you pop up on a lot more people's radar. Your phone starts ringing a lot more,"

he says.

One of those phone calls was from Lorne Michaels, asking Hamm to host SNL, an experience he says seems "almost like it never happened."

"That show has so much history. I've watched that show since I was a little kid," Hamm says. "It was like summer camp."

But we all have to go back to work sometime. And a look around the sleek Sterling Cooper offices — hidden inside a soundstage in Downtown Los Angeles — clears up some of the confusion left by last season's cliffhanger.

Don Draper's name is still on his office door, and the calendar on his desk says it's 1963, meaning the series has jumped forward again.

Setting the new season

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## His better half

A stunning blonde beauty on screen and off, January Jones has made quite a splash as Betty Draper, the repressed, cuckolded housewife on TV's Mad Men.

"Without giving too much

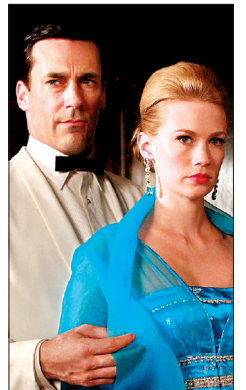
away, so far she's been happy, which has been bizarre for me to play," Jones says. As for the upcoming season: "I've learned not to expect anything, just because what I expect will be very wrong."

in 1963 raises a lot of obvious questions about big historical events, but the

actor is understandably cagey about what will factor into the show.

He's more concerned with the development of his character, anyway. And after last season's partial reconciliation with his wife after she kicked him out, it looks like we can expect to see Don Draper trying to behave himself.

"He's trying to be a better person, he's trying to be a better husband, father and man," Hamm explains. "And maybe he's not cut out for that."



Jon Hamm and January Jones

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prime time 8/14/09	31	31	31	ABC News Center	ABC News	Inside Edition	Chronicle	Supernanny		Ugly Betty (HDTV)		20/20
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea		Instant Star	TMZ (N)	Supernanny		Monk		Atlantis
	11	11	11	CBC Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Air Force	Laughs	Wild Roses (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	32	32	32	CBS WBZ News (N)	Evening News	The Insider	Entertainment	Neil Diamond: August Night		Ghost Whisperer		NUMB3RS
	6	6	6	CHIEF Entertainment	ET Canada	NUMB3RS "Guilt Trip"		Mental "Life & Limb; Bad Moon Rising" (N)		News Final (N)		News Final (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH etalk	Hollywood	Criminal Minds		Castle "Ghosts"		Ghost Whisperer		News
	36	36	36	FOX Deal-No Deal	The Simpsons	Two/Half Men	Two/Half Men	Mental "Life & Limb; Bad Moon Rising" (N)				Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News	NBC News	Hollywood	Extra (N)	Southland (HDTV PA)		Dateline NBC		
	55	55	55	SCOR (6) HSR		Poker		WWE SmackDown!				Score Tonight
	53	53	53	TSN Golf PGA Championship - Second Round		CFL Football BC Lions at Toronto Argonauts. From Rogers Centre in Toronto.						
spots	16	16	16	A&E CSI: Miami "Skeletons"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	70	70	70	APTN APTN National News (N)		Tears	Chiefs-Champ	Spirit		Sleepy Hollow *** (1999, Horror)		
	37	37	37	BRVO Apprentice	Bravonews	The Power of Art		Bravo: Fact		The Thomas Crown Affair *** (1999, Suspense)		
	49	49	49	COM Laughs	Comedy Now	Air Force	Good Morning	Corner Gas	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Com-Presents
	18	18	18	CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer	Lo Dobbs Tonight	Campbell Brown (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Cooper 360
	38	38	38	DISC How It's Made	How It's Made	Daily Planet		Canada's Worst Handyman		Man vs. Wild "Yukon"		Forensic
	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes on Homes	Holmes on Homes	House	Property	House	Extreme	Ext Living	Location, Loc.	House
	46	46	46	HIST Urban	Legends	CSI: Family		Jurassic Fight Club		Urban	Legends	Ice Road Truck
	17	17	17	MM disBand	disBand	One Tree Hill		Degrassi: TNG		Video on Trial		13 Going on 30 (2004, Romance-Comedy)
	206	206	206	PIX (6:20) Mulholland Falls		(8:10) Cop Land *** (1997, Crime Drama)		Driven * (2001, Action), Kip Pardue				
	39	39	39	SHOW Trailer Park	Trailer Park	The Outer Limits		The Best Years (DVS)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park
	40	40	40	SLUCE Chic Couples	Skin Deep	Skin Deep	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part		Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part	Til Debt-Part
	21	21	21	TLT What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear		What Not to Wear (N)		Gown Crazy
	22	22	22	W Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Friends	Most Haunted Midsummer		Miss Congeniality *** (2000, Comedy)		
	27	27	27	YTV The Next Star 2		Spice World * (1997, Musical Comedy)				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz

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prime time 8/15/09	31	31	31	ABC News Center	ABC News	Legend of the Seeker		Shark Tale ** (2004, Comedy)		Voices of Will Smith		Shark Tank
	7	7	7	ASN The Road to Avonlea		Johnny Tootle (2005, Drama)		Adam Beach. (DVS)		Jeff Ltd.		Raising Rover
	11	11	11	CBC Sat. Report	Marketplace	ATP Tennis Rogers Cup - Semifinal. (HDTV) From Montreal. (Live)		Flashpoint (HDTV)		Laughs		Intelligence
	32	32	32	CBS Golf: PGA Championship		Entertainment Tonight		Phishpoint (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		48 Hr. Mystery
	6	6	6	CHIEF Doc "Welcome to NY"		Doc		Doc "Safety First"		Doc		News Final (N)
	9	9	9	CJCH W-FIVE (DVS)		Would Be Kings (2008, Crime Drama)		(DVS)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	36	36	36	FOX MLB Baseball: Giants at Mets		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		Fox First
	12	12	12	NBC News	NBC News	Access Hollywood (N)		Gymnastics 2009 Visa Championships. From Dallas.		Schwab	Schwab	Law/Ord SVU
	55	55	55	SCOR MMA Show	Footy Show	WWE Vintage Collection		Schwab		MMA Show	Final Score	Final Score
	53	53	53	TSN Golf: PGA Championship		SportsCentre	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Montreal Alouettes at Winnipeg Blue Bombers.				
	16	16	16	A&E CSI: Miami "Rio"		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	70	70	70	APTN Cooking	MTV	Arbor Live		The Mix (N)		Music Speaks		Donnie Brasco *** (1997, Crime Drama)
	37	37	37	BRVO Arts & Minds	BravoVideos	Live at the Rehearsal Hall		Spectacle: Elvis		Toole, Sun Li. (DVS)		The Gathering Storm *** (2002)
	49	49	49	COM VIP	22 Minutes	Just for Laughs		Corner Gas	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Russell Peters
	18	18	18	CNN Situation Room-Wolf Blitzer		Newsroom		Amanpour Reports: Generation Islam				Newsroom
	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	Qubit (N)	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed	Time Warp	Deadliest Catch		Destroyed
	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes on Homes		Colin & Justin's Home Heist		SarahCottage	HGTV's Top	HGTV Showdown		Makeover
	46	46	46	HIST Lost Inventions		Zero Hour		Crime Stories		Full Metal Jacket *** (1987, War)		
	17	17	17	MM Video on Trial	Video on Trial	13 Going on 30 *** (2004, Romance-Comedy)		Mark Wahlberg		Muchmusic Countdown		The Mummy *** (1999, Adventure)
	206	206	206	PIX Air Force One	(7:40) The Perfect Storm *** (2000, Suspense), Mark Wahlberg			Termination Point (2007, Suspense)		Jason Priestley		Crank
	39	39	39	SHOW Storm Cell (2008, Drama)	Mimi Rogers	Real Housewives OC		Real Housewives OC		The Millionaire Matchmaker		Bulging Brides
	40	40	40	SLUCE Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Cake Boss	Moving Up (N)
	21	21	21	TLT World's Strongest Toddler		Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Style by Jury	Take the Lead *** (2006, Musical)		
	22	22	22	W Kid vs. Kat	League-Evil	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life "Pilots"		Prank Patrol
	27	27	27	YTV								

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prime time 8/16/09	31	31	31	ABC News Center	ABC News	Funnest Home Videos		Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank (N)		Defy-Gravity
	7	7	7	ASN Smallville "Eternal"		Funnest Home Videos		The Village ** (2004, Suspense), Joaquin Phoenix		Monk		Doctor Who
	11	11	11	CBC Heartland (DVS)		Iron Road (2009, Drama)	Peter O'Toole, Sun Li. (DVS)	(9:01) Big Brother 11		CBC News: Sunday Night (N)		Cold Case
	32	32	32	CBS Golf: PGA Championship		60 Minutes (HDTV)		Big Brother 11 (N)		Family Guy	Family Guy	News Final (N)
	6	6	6	CHIEF 16:9 Picture	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Defying Gravity "H21K"		News
	9	9	9	CJCH Cold Case (HDTV)		"Til Death	The Simpsons	Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Family Guy	Family Guy	Fox First
	36	36	36	FOX Cold Case "Joseph"		Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Saturday Night Live Presidential Bash 2008		
	12	12	12	NBC News	NBC News	The WWE Experience		BodogFight		Final Score	Final Score	Poker
	55	55	55	SCOR Score Update	Facts-Fishing	CFL Football Hamilton Tiger-Cats at Saskatchewan Roughriders. (HDTV) (Live)				Simmons	Simmons	SportsCentre
	53	53	53	TSN Golf: PGA Championship		Gene Simmons		Simmons		Simmons		Simmons
	16	16	16	A&E Simmons	Simmons	The Mix		Arbor Live		Return to Lonesome Dove (Part 3 of 3)		Rescue Me
	70	70	70	APTN New Canoe	MTV	Arts & Minds	Music Speaks	Rockability 514		King Arthur (2004, Historical Drama)		Style-Famous
	37	37	37	BRVO Spectacle: Elvis		Just for Laughs	Bravo: Fact	Laughs	VIP	The Simpsons	South Park	Comedy
	49	49	49	COM VIP	22 Minutes	Newsroom		Amanpour Reports: Generation Islam		Sci-Trek "Volcanos" (N)		MythBusters
	18	18	18	CNN Newsroom		MythBusters		The Sun (N)		Extreme Makeover: Home		Hide Potential
	38	38	38	DISC Cash Cab	How It's Made	House	House	My First Place	Buy Me	We Were Soldiers *** (2002, War)		
	34	34	34	HGTV Holmes in New Orleans		Tank Overhaul		Inside the Vietnam War		America's Best Dance Crew		Dance Crew
	46	46	46	HIST Tank Overhaul		So You Think You Can Dance Canada		The Great Train Robbery (1979, Historical Drama)		Swordfish ** (2001, Suspense)		
	17	17	17	MM You Can Dance		The Guard (HDTV)		Disaster Zone: Volcano in New York (2006, Action)				Rescue Me
	206	206	206	PIX X-Weighted	Trailer Park	Instant Beauty Pageant		Janice Dickinson Modeling		Real Housewives NYC		Flight 175
	39	39	39	SHOW 48 Hours: Hard Evidence		Destroyed	Destroyed	High Seas Heroes: Fighting		Hudson Plane Crash		Good Witch
	40	40	40	SLUCE Take the Lead	Hwd 10 Best	Grocery Bag	Style by Jury	The Accidental Witness (2006, Suspense)		Natasha Wagner.		
	21	21	21	TLT The Adventures of Sharkboy and Lavagirl ** (2005)		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline		
	22	22	22	W								
	27	27	27	YTV								

## In brief

**DRAMA** Oscar winner Denzel Washington might be making a foray into series television.

Washington is considering an executive producer role on Billy Stiles, a cop drama from TV writer Virgil Williams. The ensemble drama centers on the title character, a genius gang member-turned-cop.

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**Kelly Osbourne reality show**  
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## Going Out

Metro's 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

### 1 Avatar trailer

**PROMO** It's a Hollywood first. Starting Monday, 20th Century Fox will distribute free tickets online for a 16-minute sneak peak in to James Cameron's gazillion-dollar opus-in-the-making. The trailer for the 3-D sci-fi thriller is scheduled to hit IMAX theatres on Aug. 21. The tickets will be available through [avatarmovie.com](http://avatarmovie.com).

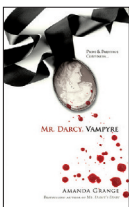


### 2 Nice, Nice, Very Nice: Dan Mangan

**ALBUM** Very nice indeed. The Vancouver singer-songwriter's album of earnest, heartfelt songs is devoid of the hipster irony that plagues so much of the indie music scene, and should get him the audience he deserves. Standout cuts: Robots and Sold.

### 3 Mr. Darcy, Vampire: Amanda Grange

**BOOK** The author of Mr. Darcy's Diary takes another bite out of Jane Austen's Pride and Prejudice. In this "fresh" sequel to the classic novel, newlywed heroine Elizabeth finds out that her hubby has a dark secret — he belongs to a family of vampires. The resulting quest to break that curse sets the action.



### 4 Madden NFL 10

**GAME** Forget the fantasy league. Here's the next best thing to running the yards for real. With the NFL preseason upon us, EA Sports' latest version of its bestselling title is an emotional ride that gets the sport under your skin. Coolest feature? Player profiles that ACTUALLY look like your favourite NFL stars.

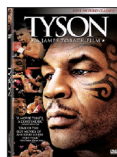


### 5 Mad Men Third Season premiere

**TV** Is it the beginning of the end of Sterling Cooper? Or will Mad Man No. 1 Don Draper save the day again? All will be revealed (or not) come Sunday when the Emmy-nominated AMC show kicks off its third season at 10 p.m. ET. If you are not a fan yet, here's your chance to get hooked.

### 6 Tyson

**DVD** Meet the man who launched a thousand controversies, as he pulls no punches in revealing himself, warts and all. In this engrossing documentary, director James Toback simply lets the former heavyweight boxing champion do the talking, touching upon everything from Tyson's bleak childhood to his rape conviction. A true knockout.



### 7 District 9

**FILM** Canadian director Neill Blomkamp takes the familiar aliens vs. humans story to his native South Africa, drawing sharp parallels with the country's history of apartheid. Some critics are already calling it the new Bladerunner — that is, the next great science fiction film.

## Mix of Six

### Halifax International Busker Festival

When: Through Sunday  
Where: Halifax waterfront

This festival is back for its 23rd edition and again features acts from around the world. Performers include Montreal's Becky Hoops and The English Gents.

### Shakespeare by the Sea

When: Through Sept. 6  
Where: Point Pleasant Park

This summertime theatre performs shows each weekday evening except Monday at 7 p.m., and twice on weekends at 1 and 7 p.m. Visit [shakespearebythesea.ca](http://shakespearebythesea.ca).

### World sprint canoe-kayak championships

When: Friday to Sunday  
Where: Lake Banook

The world's best are coming to Dartmouth for this highly anticipated event, which will include a strong Nova Scotia contingent of 11 competitors. Finals take place over the weekend.

### HRM Free Summer Concert Series

When: Sunday, 2 to 4 p.m.  
Where: Public Gardens

This popular summertime feature continues this weekend with a performance from the Eileen Joyce Band. For a complete schedule for the series, visit [halifax.ca/events](http://halifax.ca/events).

### Halifax Summer Opera Workshop

When: Friday and Saturday  
Where: Sir James Dunn Theatre

Two different shows over the weekend as Friday and Sunday will be Opera Excerpts and Saturday will feature Little Women by Mark Adamo.

### Maestro Fresh Wes

When: Saturday, 10 p.m.  
Where: Bubbles Mansion

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## Witch Mountain, Obsessed top video charts

**DVDS** Family-friendly Race to Witch Mountain took the No. 1 spot on the national home video sales chart during the week ended Aug. 9, while the stalker-themed thriller Obsessed topped the rental chart.

Witch Mountain, a reimagining of 1975's Escape to Witch Mountain that grossed \$67.2 million during its theatrical run earlier this year, easily took

the sales crown during its first week in stores. Obsessed ranked second on the Nielsen VideoScan First Alert sales chart.

But in rental stores, the order was reversed, with Obsessed topping Home Media Magazine's weekly rental rankings and Witch Mountain — which stars Dwayne The Rock Johnson — in the No. 2 spot.

The films had similar

box-office tallies. Obsessed, starring Beyoncé Knowles, Idris Elba and Ali Larter, grossed \$68.3 million in U.S. theaters.

Fast & Furious, the previous week's top seller and renter, slipped to No. 3 on both charts. But on the Nielsen VideoScan Blu-ray Disc chart, the action sequel remained on top for the second consecutive week.

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## Electric guitar legend Les Paul, 94, dies

**OBITUARY** Legendary guitarist and inventor Les Paul, who pioneered designs of electric guitars, has died of complications from pneumonia at a New York hospital, his lawyer said Thursday. He was 94.

Attorney Michael Braunstein said Paul died at the White Plains Hospital in White Plains, New York. He added that Paul had been "in and out of the hospital" for about two months and had battled a number of illnesses.

"At 94, it's hard to fight a lot of stuff," Braunstein said. "He's a historical person. He certainly has left his mark here on Earth and had many, many

friends."

Paul had been a dominant force in the music business since World War Two. He and wife Mary Ford enjoyed a string of hits in the 1940s and 1950s that included Mockin' Bird Hill and How High the Moon.

A passionate tinkerer, he created one of the first solid-body electric guitars in 1941, and went on to pioneer multi-track recording.

Paul played a key role in the birth of rock 'n' roll in



Les Paul

**"He certainly has left his mark here on Earth."**

Attorney Michael Braunstein

the early 1950s when he teamed up with Gibson Guitar Corp. to help design a sleek model that bears his name. An instant success, its basic structure has barely changed over the decades.

Despite arthritis and hearing problems, Paul remained an indefatigable musician, playing regularly at a New York jazz club into his 90s.

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**Duffy's big-screen debut**

Patrick Duffy, who starred in the long-running primetime soap opera *Dallas*, is making his studio feature debut in the comedy *You Again*, about a woman who finds out her brother is planning to marry her high school bully. **REUTERS**

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# Gubernator lures filmmakers back with incentives

After a decade of watching film production slowly abandon Hollywood, lured away by financial incentives in Canada and other U.S. states, California hopes to woo the movies back.

But some worry that it might be too little, too late after the number of studio feature films shot in California has dropped to half of what it was in 2003.

Television and commercial shoots, which had been more likely than feature films to stay in recent years, are also down significantly, with 44 of 103 pilot episodes shot outside southern California this year.

"In 2008 the worst numbers ever were recorded and the first six months of 2009 show a 50 per cent drop from that. That can only be described as a disaster," said Paul Audley, president of FilmLA, the non-profit organization which co-ordinates productions in Los Angeles.

Film production and its attendant industries generate \$38 billion US for California's economy and employ nearly 250,000 people, according to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's office. Although it contributes less than 3 per cent of state output, movie-making adds value to the tourism and entertainment industries.

Schwarzenegger, star of the *Terminator* film series, in February approved California's first incentives, which includes a 20 to 25 per cent tax credit.

But some say the incentives may not be enough to compete with

**"(The drop in southern California productions) can only be described as a disaster."**

Paul Audley, FilmLA

the 40 or so other U.S. states offering up to twice the tax credits.

Runaway production dates back to the 1990s, when Canada began offering incentives, which combined with the weaker Canadian dollar made shooting there relatively cheap.

An infrastructure has been built in Vancouver and Toronto, saving studios the cost of bringing crews and equipment.

About five years ago, U.S. states began getting in on the act. Now more than 40 U.S. states offer some form of incentives.

For example, this year's *Terminator Salvation*, starring Schwarzenegger, was shot in New Mexico to take advantage of the state's 25 per cent tax rebate. Last year's vampire blockbuster *Twilight* is set in a small town in Washington but was shot primarily in Oregon. Its sequel, *New Moon*, was mostly filmed in Vancouver.

In July, Schwarzenegger approved the first 25 productions to qualify for incentives, including Beverly Hills Chihuahua 2 and *Naked Gun 4.*

"This is about the makeup artists, the caterers and the countless other small businesses that rely on film and television production to succeed and create jobs for Californians," he said.

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**Entertainment in brief**

**CASTING** Andrea Riseborough is heading to Brighton Rock. The British actress will play the female lead opposite Sam Riley in the movie based on the Graham Greene novel. She

replaces Carey Mulligan, who had been attached to the role. Rock, which marks the directorial debut of 28 Weeks Later screenwriter Rowan Joffe, originally came to the screen via

Richard Attenborough in 1947. It centers on a small-time gangster who kills a rival and finds his life in turmoil as he faces blackmail threats from a waitress (Riseborough) who

knows about the murder. Riseborough had a role in last year's Mike Leigh comedy-drama *Happy-Go-Lucky*. She also appears in *Never Let Me Go*.

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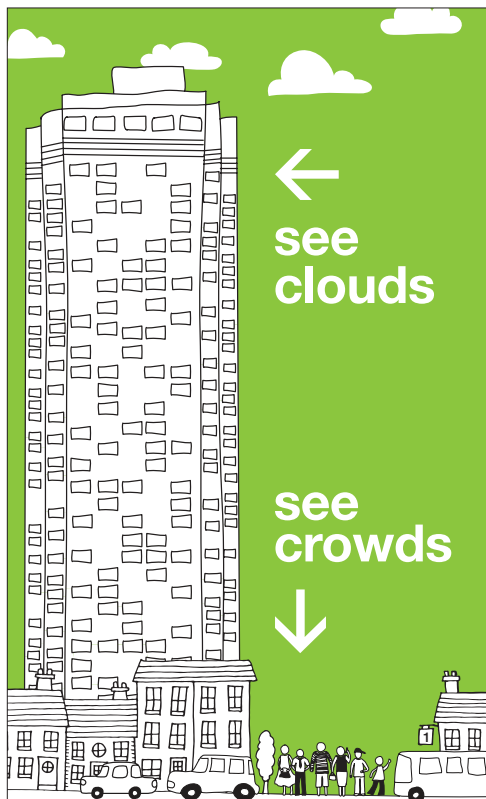
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**Burying the hatchet**

The Television Academy has scrapped its much-maligned plan to time-shift several awards at next month's Emmy Awards. "This decision was made to mend relationships within the television community ..." Academy Chairman-CEO John Shaffner said in a statement. [TVGUIDE.COM](http://TVGUIDE.COM)

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# 30 years of fashion means choice

Times have changed for women and fashion has followed suit

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**From bold padded shoulders to Technicolor eye shadow, the looks from September 1979 may not, at a glance, look much different from this fall's major trends.**

After all, what goes around comes around especially in fashion, right?

Not exactly.

As the Editor-in-Chief of FLARE, I've spent hours over the past year going

through our archive, planning our 30th anniversary celebration this year. My team and I have had a lot of laughs as we see how much fashion has evolved — but seriously, also how women have evolved as reflected by their wardrobes.

Yes, prominent shoulders are a big trend this year but back in the '80s, they were massive — as in linebacker proportion sized with padding in every layer of an outfit including a camisole, blouse and jacket.

The look mirrored women's newfound power in the workforce — Melanie Griffith in the '80s blockbuster film Working Girl is a perfect example.



FLARE in April 1988.

Everything in the outfit was magnified — door knocker earrings complemented the broad shoulders, pussy-cat bow blouse and ankle-sweeping skirt or culottes. And the beauty

routine matched with pouffy hair, multi-hued eyeshadow, thick brushed-up eyebrows and dark lipstick.

The clothes were so big that women looked large as well and the makeup (with a loud fragrance) distracted attention away from its wearer. Not exactly the '80s revival that designers have imagined for Fall '09.

This season, prominent shoulders are an important factor in high fashion — but just a factor. Today, women don't have to prove that they belong in the workforce and use their image and outfit as protection.

Confidence has shaped



FLARE's September 2009 issue.

fashion trends to where we pick what suits us versus back in the early '80s when designers dictated exactly what was fashionable and few dared to go against the grain. When I flip through

our earliest issues, I find that the young women and models we featured look overly mature to my eyes. A square-cut short hair style, heavy eye makeup and an overly accessorized outfit made our 25-year-old fashion editor, back in 1979, look more like an ultra-conservative fortysomething today.

The strongest trend in 2009 is the freedom of choice that we've won with 30 years of evolving confidence. So whether you choose to wear a military jacket with prominent shoulders and a pair of acid washed tight jeans, or a matching skirt suit with peep-toe booties — the choice is yours.

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After denying rumours of a Hawaiian wedding, Anna Faris and her actor beau Chris Pratt now say they've tied the knot. "Anna Faris and Chris Pratt were married in a small ceremony in Bali on July 9," the actress' rep confirmed. **PEOPLE.COM**

**Faris gets hitched**

## Celebrity Buzz

# Reunion out of the question: Kate

**ALL IN THE PAST** She's still wearing his ring, but don't expect Kate and Jon Gosselin to ever get back together, [usmagazine.com](http://usmagazine.com) reports.

On Thursday's *Live!* With Regis and Kelly, Regis Philbin caught Kate Gosselin off guard when he told her he thinks Jon will ask for her back and they'll "live happily ever after."

Gosselin paused, sighed and then paused again. "You know, we definitely have different

goals at this point," she said. "A lot has changed, a lot of unexpected things have come up. It's not ideal

and I can't say that I think you're right at all."

Philbin then asked Gosselin how she would respond if Jon told her to forget about the past and that he wanted to rebuild a future together.

"I don't think I can answer that," she replied. Later, she added, "We can only go forward; we

can't go back."

But she said she is aiming to film more scenes with her ex on the show.

"It's still going to be a lot of 'Jon and Kate,' but it's going to be 'Jon and the kids' and 'Kate and the kids,' she said. "I still hold out hope that it will be times where it will be 'Jon and Kate and the kids.' My main goal is to do holidays and things together. I don't know, really. I'm going into uncharted territory sort of. I'm going to be with the kids every second I get."

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# Douglas family speaks out

**HEARTBREAK** Actor Michael Douglas is finally speaking out about his son Cameron's recent arrest for possession and attempt to distribute meth.

"The family is devastated and very disappointed in Cameron's recent behavior," Douglas and his ex-wife, Diandra Luker, said in a statement.

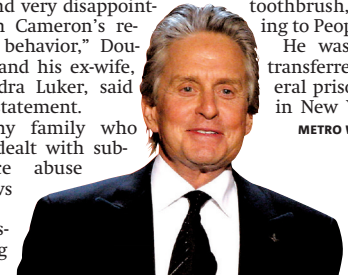
"Any family who has dealt with substance abuse knows how devastating

it can be."

Meanwhile, Cameron has gotten in even more trouble, after his girlfriend was allegedly caught smuggling heroin to him in jail hidden in an electric toothbrush, according to *People*.

He was recently transferred to a federal prison facility in New York City.

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# Playgirl Heidi plans 'upgrades'

**SOME ROLE MODEL** Heidi Pratt appears in the September issue of *Playboy*, but she didn't take it all off for the famous adult magazine.

"The body is a beautiful creation," she said in the issue. "If anything, the reason I didn't show everything is because I plan to get a few more upgrades."

She claims she

wants to get her breast implants replaced at some point as a present to her husband, Spencer. "I think I want to go bigger on my boobs for (Spencer)," Montag said. "Let's do (another *Playboy* photo shoot) again when I get the upgrades."

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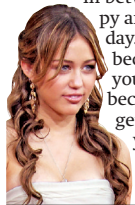


# Miley and Justin reignite flames?

**FLIP-FLOP** Just when Miley Cyrus may have been rekindling things with Nick Jonas, she's reached out to another ex. The star has been swapping flirty Twitter messages with ex Justin Gaston. Earlier this week, Cyrus posted a note to Gaston reading, "I am in between happy and sad today. I'm happy because I love you. I'm sad because I can't get enough of you."

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# Brad for New Orleans mayor?

**PUBLIC SERVICE** Despite a grassroots campaign to elect him as mayor of New Orleans, Brad Pitt insists he's not interested.

"I don't have a chance," Pitt explained to Ann Curry on the Today show. "It's not what I do best." When pressed on the matter, Pitt joked, "I'm running on the gay marriage, no religion, legalization and taxation of marijuana platform."

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# Party over at Guy's beloved bar?

**CONSEQUENCES** Guy Ritchie faces losing the liquor license on his beloved London pub following a string of complaints from local residents, [femalefirst.co.uk](http://femalefirst.co.uk) reports.

Ritchie purchased The Punch Bowl in Mayfair while he was married to pop superstar Madonna, and was allowed to keep the drinking establishment in their divorce settlement.

But the venue is facing possible closure after officials at the local council were inundated by letters from disgruntled residents

complaining about noise levels coming from the pub at night.

A source told London newspaper the *Evening Standard*: "The neighbours are fed up with the racket (noise), which sometimes goes on into the early hours."

Authorities at Westminster Council con-

firmed they have received 37 complaints about The Punch Bowl and have taken action by placing a microphone in a nearby building to monitor noise levels from the pub over the next few weeks.

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# 'Paps ruined my relationship'

**BLAME GAME** Heroes star Hayden Panettiere blames the paparazzi and her fans for spoiling her love life.

The actress split from her co-star, Milo Ventimiglia, in February.

"It's very, very difficult and people have no idea what they do to peoples' relationships. They destroy

them. The paparazzi and the public," she told *Company* magazine.

"The public wants to read about your personal life, and the paparazzi give it to them by nosing into your personal life and saying things that are just not true and horrible."

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# I swear it wasn't pee: Jaime

**MISINTERPRETATION?** Jamie Pressly is speaking out over leaked photos that some thought showed her urinating on a sidewalk outside West Hollywood club the Abbey.

The *My Name is Earl* star insists it's all just a big misunderstanding and that the liquid was from a bottle of water she

poured out.

"That is me doing dare number eight at my bridal shower," the actress explained on Twitter.

"Do you think I would really pee in the entryway to the Abbey in broad daylight?"

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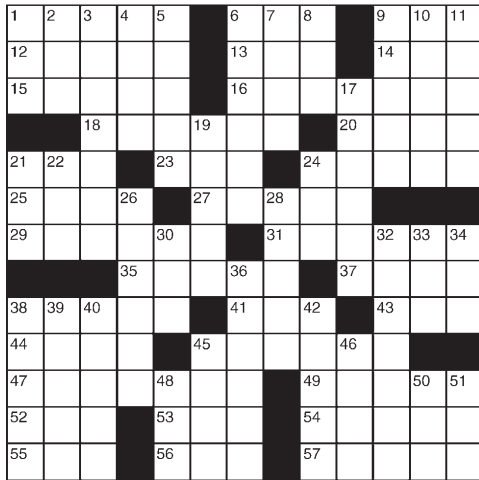
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## Take Five



## ACROSS

1 Fry lightly  
6 Meadow  
9 Toper's interruption  
12 More detailed map  
13 Rowing need  
14 Fuss and feathers  
15 Pacific island nation  
16 He played Nero in "Quo Vadis"  
18 Zealous  
20 Onetime Clinton rival  
21 4 qts.  
23 Early bird?  
24 Jack  
25 They give a hoot  
27 Bowling alley button  
29 Cactus also called mesquite  
31 "Swann's Way" writer  
35 River of forgetfulness  
37 Norway's capital

38 Ellerbee or Ronstadt  
41 Corrode  
43 CBS logo  
44 Bassoon's kin  
45 Keg  
47 Commandeer  
49 Enjoyed greatly  
52 D.C. title  
53 Copper head?  
54 Societal level  
55 Em halves  
56 Common article ...  
57 ... in this city

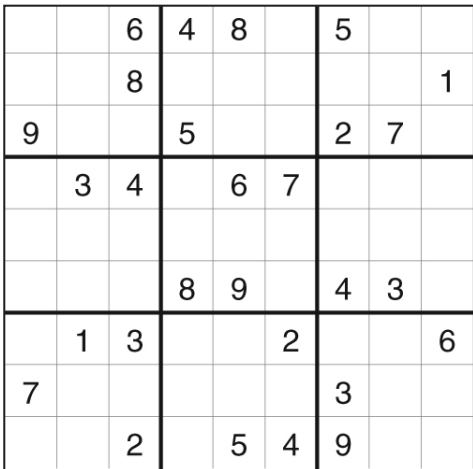
## DOWN

1 Clerical error?  
2 Ivanovic of tennis  
3 Pretty much  
4 Virgin Islands, for ex.  
5 Chopin piece  
6 Waiting area  
7 Right on the map  
8 Illustrations  
9 Vietnam city  
10 Pedestal occupants  
11 Break a Commandment  
17 "Likewise"  
19 Heron's cousin  
21 Bush league? (Abbr.)  
22 Shock partner  
24 The girl  
26 Lead-tin alloy used for joining  
28 Lance  
30 Leaves in hot water?  
32 Vain  
33 Crafty  
34 Pirouette pivot  
36 Sort of dive  
38 Grown-up nit  
39 "Ghosts" playwright  
40 Many are proper subjects  
42 Vestige  
45 Actress  
Neuwirth  
46 H, H, H  
48 Cushion  
50 Salt Lake tribe member  
51 Corral

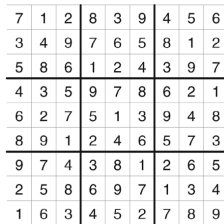
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## PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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## Metro Recipe of the Day



## Herb-Crusted Roast Beef

## INGREDIENTS:

1 top round beef roast (about 3 lb/1.5 kg), trimmed of fat  
5 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil  
1 tsp (5 ml) dried basil  
1 tsp (5 ml) dried thyme  
1 tsp (5 ml) mustard powder  
1 tsp (5 ml) salt  
1 tsp (5 ml) black pepper

## METHOD:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F (180 C). Rinse meat and pat dry. Place on rack in large roasting pan.  
2. In small bowl, combine

garlic, oil, basil, thyme, mustard, salt and pepper. Rub mixture over meat.  
3. Roast until thermometer inserted in centre reaches 145 F (60 C) for medium-rare or 160 F (71 C) for medium, 55 to 65 minutes. Transfer to cutting board and let stand for 10 minutes before slicing.

SERVES 4

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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



You will be in demand socially today but you must choose carefully among the invitations you receive because you won't have time to grace every event.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Some people see doom and gloom in all directions, but you are not like that, not least because from where you stand life looks pretty good.

## TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



You will need to make an effort to be decisive today. With the sun opposing Jupiter a work or family matter you thought had been resolved will come back.

## SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



If you have made a promise of some kind you will be expected to keep it today. Don't even think about trying to back out of the deal.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



You need to be disciplined today, above and beyond your usual level, but that does not mean you can't enjoy yourself.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Listen carefully to what a friend has to tell you today because there is wisdom in their words. It is up to you whether you act on their advice.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Honesty is the best policy by far today. It may be that today's sun-Jupiter link-up will make you a bit too candid for some people's liking.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Your devotion to duty has been noted by someone in a position of authority, so don't worry that you might be falling behind in the race for promotion.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



You need to be practical in everything you do today. That may not sound too exciting but now is not the right time to attempt the impossible.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



Creatively and romantically anything is possible for you now, but a sun-Jupiter aspect means you need to be focused.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



It won't be long before your luck begins to turn and you can start on those plans you have largely kept to yourself these past few months.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



You will get a huge amount of work done today, and in a very short time frame. It's good that the weekend is almost here because you will need a rest.

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2. Female deer's smelling organ (1)  
3. Sluggish Jellystone Park bear (2)  
4. Havana-based corned beef sandwich (2)  
5. Actress/Playmate McCarthy's 1-cent coins (2)  
6. Rules of language at a rival of Cosmo (2)  
7. After a halt, going back to accepting without proof (3)  
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